

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JUTE TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government have set up a Jute Technology Mission to improve the quality and increase the productivity of jute in the country;
- (b) if so, the present trend of export of jute and its products; (
- (c) whether the Government have taken any steps to boost its export; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

- (a) The Government proposes to set up a Jute Technology Mission for all round development of various segments of jute economy in the country .
- (b) The export of jute goods has decreased marginally in 2001-02 in comparison to the exports during 2000-01. However, in the first six months of the current year (April-Sept'02), there has been export of jute goods worth Rs. 406.60 crores in value terms as compared to Rs. 270.65 crores in the same period in last year i.e. an increase of 50%.
- (c) & (d) Government has been taking various steps to increase the export of jute goods. These include assistance under External Market Assistance (EMA) scheme and Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) Scheme being implemented to boost the export of jute goods. The Jute Manufactures Development Council (JMDC) also organizes specialized commodity fairs, buyer-seller meets and contact promotion programmes with special focus on potential jute products like food grade jute products, floor coverings, sacking and jute diversified products etc.